



CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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14th January 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas and enjoyed the festive period. The children have returned and have quickly got back into the swing of things. It has been lovely to welcome our new teacher into Year 5 Miss Abeidi who is a welcome addition to the Churchfields family. I am also pleased to let you know that Mrs Smith (who teaches in year 3) is pregnant, I am sure you will join me in sending congratulations. She will be with us, fingers crossed, until April.

The deadline for applying for a place in Reception for September is **Monday 15th January! (TOMORROW)** If you require a place for your Nursery aged child (or know someone who does) you can go directly to the Staffordshire Admission page and apply. If you miss the deadline, please see Mrs Darlington in the main office.

Our application window for Nursery September 2024 is also open. These places fill up quickly so if you have a child who is 3 before 1st September then please visit Mrs Darlington in the school office and complete an application form.

Thought of the week – Allergies

We have an increasing number of pupils in our school who have allergies so it was important to raise awareness of this with all of the children in school. Allergens can be to trees, nuts, celery, sulphites, wheat to name a few.

Currently in school, as you are aware, we have children with severe nut allergies and other children with food related allergies. For their safety we ask the following:

Children wash their hands regularly

Children do not share food

Food items for birthdays to be appropriate for all

All nut-based products have been banned from the school premises – this is vital. Any food items that contain nuts must not come into school. These could include:

- Spreads, e.g., chocolate spread
- Cereal bars
- Some types of biscuit containing nuts
- Condiments, e.g., satay sauce
- Cakes containing nuts
- Some snack pots containing nuts

It is important that you check the labelling of food products before sending your child in to school with them – it is not always apparent that products contain nuts or traces of nuts.

We also ask that, if your child consumes any nut-based product before school, they wash their hands thoroughly and rinse their mouth before entering the school grounds. We understand that these measures may seem extreme; however, we want to ensure the health and safety of all our pupils, and some of the pupils with the allergy are severe enough that even the slightest of contact with nuts could cause a severe and **potentially life-threatening reaction**.

Due to the severity of the allergy, if any pupil is found with a nut-based product after this letter has been distributed, the school will confiscate it and contact parents straight away. The item will be returned to the child at the end of the day.

We are currently running a competition in school where the children are designing a poster for us to display to remind everyone and inform visitors that we are a no nut school.

Playground

I am aware that a lot of the children will have had new bikes, scooters, phones, smart watches, etc for Christmas. Please be aware that smart watches and phones should not be in school. If phones / smart watches are brought to school, particularly by the older children walking home, these should be handed into the office. Please ensure that bikes and scooters are pushed on the playground and not ridden. The playground is a busy place with young children everywhere so this will ensure the safety of everyone.

School dinners

I will be meeting with the company that provide our school dinners in the next few weeks. I will be asking the children their opinions about school meals however if there is anything that you would like to mention please email me on dbeardsmore@cfp.school

School dates

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts:	Monday 8 th January
End of Half Term:	Friday 9 th February
Holiday:	Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February
School Starts:	Monday 19 th February.
Term Ends:	Friday 22 nd March
Holiday:	Monday 25 th March to Friday 5 th April

Summer Term 2024

<u>Training day</u>	Monday 8 th April
Term Starts:	Tuesday 9 th April

May Day:	Monday 6 th May
Y6 statutory SATs testing	Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May (Y6 MUST be in school)

End of Half Term:	Friday 24 th May
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Holiday: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May
School Starts: Monday 3rd June
Term Ends: Thursday 18th July
Training day Friday 19th July

Stars of the week

Nursery Mrs Clowes Arabella McDonald for super story telling this week

Reception Mrs Locker Ayanna Beardmore for working so hard with her reading and making great progress!

Reception Mrs Nixon Minnie Clewes for being more confident with her reading and writing

1B Grayson Stokes for working super hard in English

1M Alicja Krysztoforska for always being the best that she can be

2B Evie-Rose Hemmings for her fantastic work in English

2M Bethanie Barlow for always showing great care and respect to others

3R Brandon Carnall for being an absolute delight to teach

3S JJ Cork for showing great effort in his learning

4B Leighton Cavanagh-Davenhill for a much-improved attitude towards his learning

4S Kai Reddaway for his positive attitude towards his learning

5A Gracie Weaver for trying her best all week, earning her pen licence and for some beautiful diary writing in English!

5L Finley Haden for a super week of learning and making our supply teacher feel so welcome

6C Lawson Critchlow for always bringing happiness to the class

6S Brody Clewes for his excellent behaviour for learning

PE Stars

KS1

Olivia Pitchers (1M) - creativity with her dance actions

LKS2

Ollie Sinclair (4B) - demonstrating good leadership skills

UKS2

Harry Bennett (6S) - demonstrating effective teamwork skills

Head Teacher's Stars

NURSERY Arlia Dutton for being the best she can be at all times

RECEPTION Holly-Ann Woodward for working so hard this week and making super progress

Y1&2 Ava Kirk for always being kind and a good friend

Y3&4 Emily Phillips for always doing the right thing at the right time and being an absolute superstar

Y5&6 India Scott for epitomising our school motto and school values at all times

10 Blues:

Elsie Hulson, Alarya Carnall, Donnie Viggars, Scarlett Rutter, Isaac Barrs,
Linkon Wales, Olivia Pitchers, Logan Jackson, Elsie Podmore

Apologies to Olivia Pitchers who got missed off the list before the Christmas break

Attendance

Y3 best year group attendance of the week 98%

Attendance best class this week = 3R 99%

We must also praise: 6S (96%) Reception Nixon, 1B, 2B, 3S and 5L (97%) 1M and 2M (98%)

Whole school attendance for the week is 96%

Team of the Week	Team of the term, so far
R 1,398	R 1,398
Y 1,514	Y 1,514
G 1,547	G 1,547
B 1,365	B 1,365

Any general queries or if you are unsure who to contact – office@cfp.school or headteacher@cfp.school

Thank you for your continued support,

Diane Beardsmore

Headteacher